



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 270**

LCO No. 3472

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY  
MENTAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (a) There is established a fund to be known as the  
2       "Community Mental Health Development Fund". The fund shall  
3       contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the fund and  
4       shall be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and  
5       accounts. Investment earnings credited to the fund shall become part  
6       of the assets of the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end  
7       of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the fund for the fiscal year  
8       next succeeding. The fund shall be used by the Commissioner of  
9       Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purpose of providing  
10      grants-in-aid for the development of new or the expansion of existing  
11      community-based, short-term residential, transitional or outpatient  
12      mental health service centers for children and adults, provided  
13      amounts in the fund may be expended only pursuant to appropriation  
14      by the General Assembly.

15      (b) There shall be a Community Mental Health Development Fund  
16      Council, appointed by the commissioner, that shall oversee the

17 allocation of the Community Mental Health Development Fund and  
18 make recommendations to the General Assembly and to the  
19 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services concerning  
20 expenditures from the fund. Not later than July 1, 2001, the  
21 commissioner shall accept applications from nonprofit organizations  
22 for grants-in-aid to be made from the fund, for the purposes set forth  
23 in subsection (a) of this section. The grant application shall be in such  
24 form as the commissioner shall require.

25 Sec. 2. The sum of fifty million dollars is appropriated to the  
26 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, from the  
27 General Fund surplus, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, for the  
28 Community Mental Health Development Fund established pursuant to  
29 section 1 of this act.

30 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To help meet the need for community-based mental health services by  
establishing a Mental Health Trust Fund from available state surplus.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline,  
except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is  
not underlined.]*

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